

# TALES OF THE UNUSUAL

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ETERNAL LIFE PILLS: PART 4



WHAT  
ARE YOU DOING  
HERE?



AH, SIR.

IS  
THAT YOUR  
GIRLFRIEND?

AHH,  
YEAH..





HMM...

...?



HAHA,  
WHAT ARE  
YOU STARING AT  
LIKE THAT\_?

NOTHING,  
SHE JUST  
LOOKS KIND OF  
FAMILIAR...

SHE LOOKS  
LIKE SOMEONE  
I KNOW...



COME  
WITH ME,  
TODAY'S YOUR  
LAST DAY OF  
TRAINING.



SURE.







A woman with long black hair is sitting at a dark wooden table. A man with brown hair, wearing a dark green jacket, is standing next to the table. On the table are two white cups. To the left of the table is a small wooden cabinet with a white object on top. The background is a plain wall.

I'M FEELING  
BETTER THAN  
YESTERDAY.

WHAT  
A RELIEF.



A close-up of the woman from the previous panel. She is sitting at the table, looking slightly to the right with a neutral expression. The man's green jacket is visible on the right side of the frame.

OH RIGHT,  
I JUST HEARD  
FROM MY DAD AND  
WE AGREED TO  
MEET SOON.

REALLY?  
THAT'S GREAT.  
YOU HAVEN'T SEEN  
EACH OTHER IN AGES.  
RIGHT?





I HAD  
BETTER GET  
BACK TO WORK.  
I'LL CALL YOU AGAIN  
IN A BIT.



YOU'RE  
WORKING  
AGAIN, ?



THERE'S  
SOMETHING  
I HAVE TO FINISH  
OFF TODAY.

ALRIGHT.  
SEE YOU  
LATER.

I'VE GATHERED 18 ETERNAL LIFE PILLS SO FAR..  
IF I CAN JUST COLLECT TWO MORE TODAY...







HI THERE,  
GWANGSEOP  
KIM,







I DON'T  
WANT TO LOSE  
MY HEALTH  
LIKE THAT.

I'LL REPAY  
YOU AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE..



I UNDERSTAND  
HOW YOU FEEL.

SO I'D LIKE TO  
PROPOSE A GOOD  
COMPROMISE.


A COMPROMISE..?





IN RETURN  
FOR CONSUMING  
TWO EMPTY ETERNAL  
LIFE PILLS,

I'LL GIVE  
YOU ONE CLASS B  
ETERNAL LIFE PILL  
FOR FREE.



THESE  
CLASS B PILLS  
WERE SLIGHTLY DAMAGED  
DURING THE MANUFACTURING  
PROCESS SO THEY MAY  
NOT LOOK AS NICE  
OR BE QUITE AS  
EFFECTIVE.

IN OTHER  
WORDS, THEY'RE NOT AS  
VALUABLE AS PRODUCTS TO US,  
AND THEY'RE NOT QUITE  
GOOD ENOUGH  
TO SELL.

BUT IT'S NOT  
LIKE THEY HAVE  
NO EFFECT AT ALL,  
SO YOU'LL BE ABLE TO  
RECOVER SOME OF  
YOUR VITALITY.

THEY HAVE  
OVER HALF OF THE  
EFFECT OF A CLASS A PILL.  
IN TERMS OF PRICE, THEY'RE  
WORTH AROUND  
70 PERCENT.



BASICALLY,  
MY PROPOSAL IS  
AROUND -2  
PLUS +0.7.

A close-up, grayscale illustration of a man's face. He has short, dark hair and is looking slightly downwards with a somber or weary expression. His eyes are partially closed, and his mouth is a simple, downward-curving line. The background is dark and indistinct.

YOU  
OWE AROUND  
200 MILLION WON  
IN DEBT.

BUT IF YOU  
ACCEPT MY PROPOSAL,  
THAT WOULD MAKE IT  
130 MILLION WON, PLUS  
YOU COULD REPAY IT  
ALL AT ONCE.





HUFF..!



HUFF..!



CLASS B ETERNAL  
LIFE PILLS MELT INSIDE  
YOUR BODY SO IT WON'T  
COME OUT AGAIN.

UGH..

THIS IS  
TOUGHER THAN  
I THOUGHT..




THAT'S  
BECAUSE IT'S  
YOUR FIRST  
TIME.

UNLIKE MONEY,  
YOU CAN'T PUT AN  
EXACT NUMBER  
ON HEALTH.



THAT'S  
WHY IT'S POSSIBLE  
TO TRICK PEOPLE  
LIKE THIS.

'CLASS B PILLS'  
ARE FAKE PILLS MADE  
BY ME..



IT WOULD AROUSE  
SUSPICIOUS IF I WERE  
TO USE SEVERAL OF THEM.  
BUT I CAN TRICK PEOPLE WITHOUT  
MUCH DIFFICULTY BY  
USING JUST ONE.



WELL  
I'LL GET GOING NOW.  
TAKE CARE OF  
YOURSELF.

TREMBLE

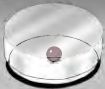
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ALRIGHT,  
HERE'S YOUR  
SHARE.







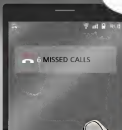
I DIDN'T  
HAVE ANY  
KIND OF SPECIAL  
TECHNIQUE.

I JUST  
THOUGHT OF  
IT FROM THEIR  
PERSPECTIVE.





HOW DID  
I MISS SO MANY  
CALLS..?



...EUNJU?













H..HONEY..

A woman with long dark hair is shown from the chest up, crying with tears streaming down her face. She is holding a man who is lying in a hospital bed, partially covered by a white blanket. The man's face is visible, showing he is unconscious or asleep. The background shows a hospital room with a door and some medical equipment.

WHAT  
AM I GOING  
TO DO..?



MY.. DAD..

A close-up of a man's face. He has dark hair and is looking down with a distressed expression. His eyes are wide and his mouth is slightly open. A single tear is visible on his cheek. He is wearing a dark green shirt.



To be continued...